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2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza Bright, dark red. Aromatically complex nose offers blackberry, cassis, woodsmoke, mocha and a whiff of flowers. Supple, pliant and vinous, with good energy and varietal character to the flavors of cassis, mint and fresh herbs. Elegantly styled cabernet in a Left Bank way. Finishes with fine tannins and lingering notes of herbs and mint. **89**

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza Bright dark red. Sweeter on the nose than the 2010, offering scents and flavors of currant, plum, mocha and earth. At once saline and sweet, and a bit more concentrated than the 2010. The fat middle palate is nicely framed by harmonious acidity. Finishes broad, spicy and long, with a fine dusting of tannins that spread out to coat the palate. Lovely balance here. **90**

2010 Malbec Mendoza Bright dark red. Perfumed aromas of blackberry, currant, violet, licorice and menthol lifted by hints of herbs and pepper. Supple, ripe and nicely concentrated, with mid-palate sweetness restrained by vigorous, harmonious acidity. Finishes thicker than the 2010 cabernet, with fine-grained tannins and lovely lingering fruits and herbs. **90**

2008 Malbec Reserva Mendoza Bright red-ruby. Pure, discreet aromas of black fruits and flowers; classy and vibrant. Silky on entry, then primary, fine-grained and deep in the middle, with a distinctly primary character and lovely definition of dark berry flavor. The seamless finish offers suave tannins, excellent energy and subtle building length. Beautifully balanced malbec with real class--not at all a blockbuster. And a great value.

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2007 Familia Mendoza (85% malbec with 5% cabernet sauvignon, 4% bonarda and 3% each syrah and cabernet franc): Full ruby-red. Slightly high-toned, expressive nose melds currant, cherry, minerals, licorice and loam, plus oak notes of coffee, chocolate and coconut. Concentrated and smooth in the mouth, with sweet berry flavors enlivened by harmonious acidity and lifted by sexy oak spices. The slightly high-toned quality carries through on the palate. Serious but ripe tannins give the wine good structure, and chocolatey oak adds sweetness to the finish. **91**

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